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#### ALRA VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT



#### **VISION**

Arbour Lake will be the most desirable community that encompasses world class amenities, a sense of welcoming and engaging residents to live the exclusive lake lifestyle.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Arbour Lake Residents Association is a limited company that was registered under the laws of Alberta on July 19, 1991. The purpose of this company is to care for, and improve upon, the Arbour Lake amenities, with the main focus being a pristine ten-acre lake in the heart of the community.

### ARBOUR LAKE RESIDENTS HALL RENTALS

Please see our website at www.arbourlake.com for rental information or visit the lake office.

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#### **COMMUNICATION**

We are in the digital age at Arbour Lake Residents Association. Please send an email to info@ arbourlake.com to let us know what your email address is. All future AGM information and billing invoices will be sent to registered members via email, so please confirm your information with us.

#### **Hall Rentals Basics**

#### Can I Rent the Hall?

Any person over the age of 21 may rent the hall. The hall can be rented for independent group programs, presentations, and personal events such as birthday parties.

#### When Can I Book Hall Rentals?

Hall rentals must be booked at the Lake office. You must come into the lake office to book your rental, as we must go through a rental contract and necessary information with you.

#### What Do I Need to Rent the Hall?

You need your photo ID, payment for the hall rental, and a damage deposit cheque for \$400 at the minimum. If you will be having alcohol at your event, you must obtain a liquor license and Party Alcohol Liability Insurance. Proof of these must be given seven days prior to the event.

#### Where is More Rental Information?

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#### **Hall Programs**

The Arbour Lake Residents Hall hosts various programs through the ALRA, as well as through independent groups. Keep busy and connect with others through our various offered programs!

**Child Safe Canada Programs:** Child Safe Canada offers various safety programs at the Arbour Lake Residents Hall. The programs are offered throughout the year and include "Strangers & Dangers," "Don't Touch! It's my Body," "Home Alone Safety," and the "Red Cross Babysitter Program." For more information or to register, please visit www.childsafecanada.com.

If you would like to host your program at the Residents Hall, please email us at info@arbourlake.com.



#### **ALRA MONTHLY UPDATES**

#### Lake Fees

Your invoice for your annual lake fee should have arrived in your mailbox for the 2025 year. If you have not received your invoice, contact the lake office for a copy. Please be advised that this fee is mandatory, and you cannot opt out of paying it. Fees are due on January 1. Fees can be paid at the lake office by cash, cheque, debit, Visa or Mastercard. You can also pay through your online banking using your external reference number, noted on your invoice.

#### What Do the Flags Mean?

Flagpoles are located around the lake and at the front entrance, which indicate ice conditions as follows:

- Red Flag = Full closure. Stay far away from the ice.
- Yellow Flag = Partial closure. Contact the lake office or check the website for updates.
- Green flag = Open for all winter activities.

#### **Ice Safety**

The lake is still in the process of freezing over, please remember the ice may be extremely thin and dangerous! Stay off the ice and all docks when the red flags are up. The red flags will be removed once it is safe, and when we open for skating season!

- No one will be allowed on the ice surface until a depth of 10" has been observed in our test locations. This will be on natural ice only (not resurfaced by the Olympia Zamboni).
- The Arbour Lake Olympia will not be put onto the ice until a depth of 15" has been observed in our test locations. Skaters will have to skate on the natural ice between depths of 10" to 15".

Check www.arbourlake.com, Arbour Lake Residents Association on Facebook and Instagram @arbourlakeresidents for updates on lake conditions.

#### WHAT'S UP AT THE LAKE

Hello Arbour Lake Residents!

Get ready to embrace the chilly season! As winter approaches, the Arbour Lake Staff and Board are hard at work preparing for a cozy, vibrant holiday season. We're especially excited about the annual Christmas light display that shines over our community.

#### **Winter Programs**

Winter program registration is open! Make sure to secure your spot for our January sessions, featuring:

- Skating Lessons (Levels 1 and 2)
- Parent and Tot Skating
- Intro to Ringette (New!)
- Beginner Adult

#### Toy Drive for Ronald McDonald House

We're proud to host our annual Toy Drive once again! Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to help brighten the holiday season for families at the Ronald McDonald House. Donations can be dropped off at the lake office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **Lake Stocking**

This fall we stocked the lake with vibrant rainbow and tiger trout! Be sure to check out the event recap section in this newsletter to see photos and learn more about these beautiful fish

#### Stay Connected

Keep up with things Arbour Lake by following on Instagram and Facebook: @ArbourLakeResidentsAssociation or visit our website for the latest updates.

Happy winter season, Arbour Lake! We look forward to celebrating with you all.

#### **Arbour Lake Safe Space Initiative**

The ALRA Safe Space Initiative is dedicated to creating a welcoming inclusive environment that embraces the diversity of our residents, guests, staff, and community. Through continuous education, awareness campaigns, and outreach efforts, this initiative aims to create a foundation that respects and accepts every individual, irrespective of differences, without biases. Our policies and conduct are designed to ensure that residents, patrons, and staff uphold the principles of this initiative. This initiative is dedicated to nurturing a safe and inclusive space that fosters a sense of belonging within the community, where individuals feel respected and valued.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Light the Night**

December 5



#### **Xmas Craft Fair**

December 6 and 7



#### **Kid's Christmas Party**

December 13 and 14



#### **New Year Fireworks**

December 31



#### **Winter Programs**



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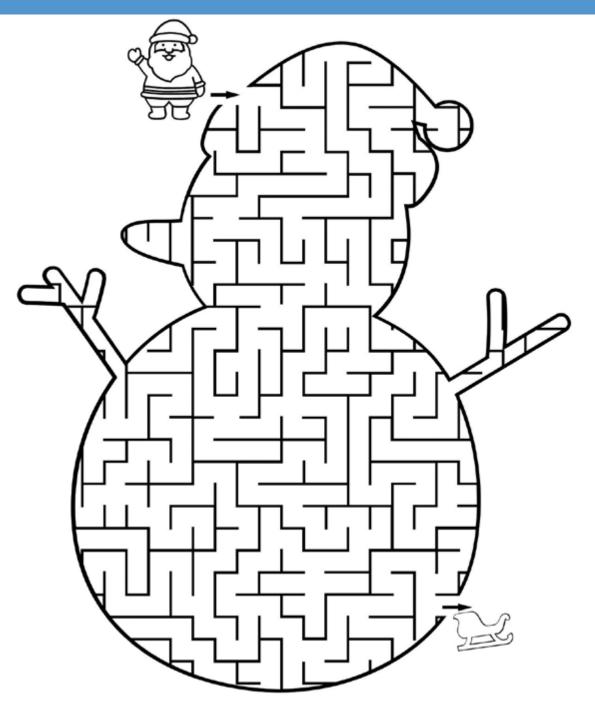
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### Batters Up! Holiday Baking and Life Skills with 4-H



Baking isn't just about cookies or muffins — especially during the holiday season, it's a hands-on way for kids aged 9 to 15 to learn practical skills while creating festive treats. The Batters Up Baking Club, part of 4-H Alberta's Intro Clubs, gives young bakers a chance to explore new recipes, practice teamwork, and discover the science behind their favourite holiday goodies.

Each week, participants try a new baking activity, from holiday cookies to pies, brownies, and cupcakes. Along the way, they also practice planning, measuring, following instructions, and record-keeping, all skills that are part of 4-H's life-long learning approach.

Fun Baking Fact: Did you know that baking powder creates tiny bubbles of carbon dioxide that make dough rise? This is why muffins and cakes become light and fluffy! Learning the "why" behind baking steps helps young bakers become confident and creative.

Even at home, kids can explore similar skills from measuring ingredients to blending flavours in simple projects like a quick orange creamsicle smoothie, made with 1 cup of orange juice, 1½ cups of vanilla







Greek yogurt, 2 peeled oranges, 2 frozen bananas, and 4 teaspoons of vanilla extract. Try this at home for a refreshing twist on holiday flavours.

Through the 4-H Intro Club, kids not only create delicious treats but also gain confidence, learn teamwork, and explore new ideas all while having fun in a supportive environment. Baking becomes more than just mixing ingredients; it becomes a way to explore science, math, and life skills in a hands-on, memorable way. Whether it's measuring sugar, stirring batter, or decorating cupcakes, every step teaches something new and what better way to celebrate the season than with treats made by your own hands?

Find out more about 4-H Intro Clubs at 4hab.com/member or email introclubs@4hab.com.

#### **EVENT RECAP**

#### Halloween Bingo

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Halloween Bingo Night! It was a spook-tacular evening filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of prizes. We saw some amazing costumes— from ghoulish ghosts to creepy clowns. It was a blast sharing the excitement with all of you.









#### **Fright Night**

It was an unforgettable night full of thrills, chills, and spooky surprises. From creepy corridors to terrifying tales, we loved seeing everyone face their fears (and maybe scream a little too loud)!

A special thank you to our brave volunteers who helped create the eerie atmosphere and kept the scares coming all night long.







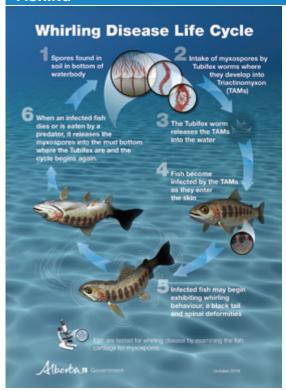


#### Fish Stocking

The lake is now home to hundreds of beautiful, new brook trout! You can recognize brook trout by bold white lines on their fins. These fish are feisty, and we're ready for some epic fishing ahead.









#### **Fishing is Catch and Release Only!**

At this time, only catch and release fishing will be permitted at Arbour Lake, until further notice. There will be no keeping of any fish of any kind of size! This is a result of Alberta Environment and Parks shutting sown all fish stocking within the bow river drainage area, of which Arbour Lake is included. Due to whirling disease found in the Bow River and commercial fish culture operations, no fish may be kept. Any fish that cannot be returned to the water, must be surrendered to a staff member.

More information regarding whirling disease can be found at www.alberta.ca/whirling-disease.

#### **Fishing**

- May only be done from the designated fishing docks.
- Hooks must be Barbless and egg hooks are not permitted. No triple hooks are to be used. This ensures the survival of released fish.
- No live bait, corn, bread, minnows, smelts, fish or nets may be used to catch fish.
- Only one rod per resident may be cast at any one time and fishing lines must be attended to at all times.
- Random tackle box, bag and hook checks will be performed to ensure all Rules & Regulations are being followed.

#### **Eutrophication**

Here is some information on how important it is to be careful with how much fertilizer you use on your lawn. When you use too much fertilizer on your lawn, the excess nutrients are carried away by the rain and other forms or irrigation. The nutrients mix with water and find their way into our beautiful lake. These nutrients cause the algae and plants in the water to multiply rapidly, creating an algae bloom. This excessive amount of algae prevents sunlight from reaching the bottom of the lake. The plants lacking sunlight will die at the bottom of the lake where decomposers will use up the oxygen. When a bloom occurs, there is too much organic matter ready to decompose and all the remaining oxygen in the water is used by decomposers to decompose dead plants. This can cause all our fish to suffocate from the lack of oxygen. With your help in preventing the overuse of fertilizer, we can work together to keep the lake healthy and beautiful for all residents to enjoy.









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